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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on November 5, 2003, requiring restriction of the application. The position was taken that the claims are directed to two distinct inventions. In particular, it was noted that Group I, claims 1-25, is drawn to a method of joining two components; and Group II, claims 26-27, is drawn to a disk drive suspension.

The Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-25. This election is made without traverse.

Examination of the elected claims is respectfully requested. No fee is submitted in connection with this communication. However, should any fee be required for consideration of this Response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and is requested to notify us of the same.

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